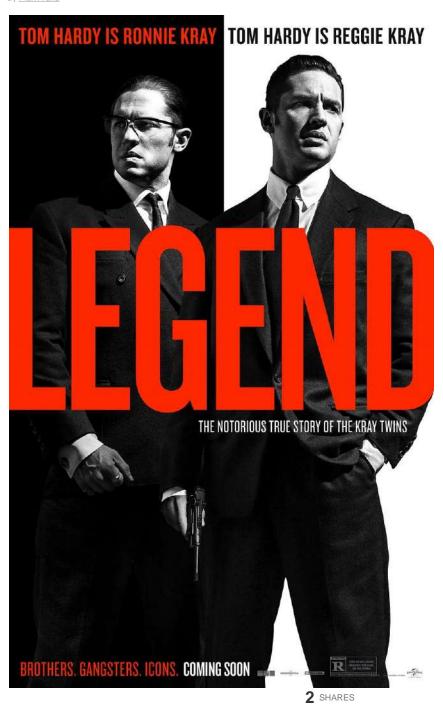
Legend – A Review Of This New Movie



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Those who saw the 1990 biopic <u>The Krays</u> can be assured that this is not a simple remake. It starts with them

already gang bosses and is told through the eyes of Reggie's first wife Frances, depicted accurately this time $\frac{1}{2}$

as the very attractive girl she was. Their mother is a very minor character in this film.

It's entertaining if a bit overlong, and there are historical inaccuracies, pointlessly, as the facts about the Krays

don't need embellishing, as well as more laughs. Tom Hardy, playing both roles gives superb performance(s)

and looks a lot more like the real Krays than the Kemp brothers did, he's stylish as Reggie, psychotic as

Ronnie. Emily Browning is excellent as the tragic Frances.

Familiar faces in supporting roles include David Thewlis as their longsuffering accountant Leslie Payne,

Christopher Eccleston as Nipper Read, Kevin McNally in a comic cameo as Harold Wilson, and John Sessions

as Lord Boothby.

I'd give it three and a half stars out of four, and ask why they couldn't get the killings of Cornell and McVitie

right!

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